

MCC and Loyola help Manipur students

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Chennai: Madras Christian College (MCC) and Loyola College have lent a helping hand to Manipur students who couldn't pursue higher education in their home state due to the violence there. While MCC plans to offer free education by waiving tuition fees, mess fees, and provide free accommodation, Loyola College offered fee concession for students from the north-eastern state.

As many as ten students including two girls have shown interest to join MCC for 2023-24 academic year.

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rism. These students have scored well in English," said Paul Wilson, principal of MCC.

College officials found it difficult to get in touch with the students because of the internet shutdown. Most of these students have been displaced from their homes. Some students have discontinued their studies, while others couldn't to join higher studies.

The college has received a list of 17 students from vol-

untary organizations, and after verification, it was found that 10 students were interested.

"They have to travel to the nearest point where Wi-Fi facilities are available to upload their marksheets. We got their marksheets, and will give admissions based on their scores and interests," Wilson said. They will join the first-year in BA, BSc programmes.

The college had waived their tuition fees and is plan-

ning to raise funds to support their mess fees and hostel fees through faculty members and others. Students will be given two- or three-weeks' time to reach Chennai.

Loyola College has enrolled five students from Manipur and offered them concessions in fees and hostel fees. "These students have got admissions in courses such as social work. Still, there are many students who are interested in joining the degree programmes," Loyola College principal A Louis Arockiaraj SJ said.

Voluntary organisations too have approached many other colleges in Tamil Nadu and outside of it, to ensure that these students continue to pursue higher education.